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JUNE MEETING BACK AT BUSCH

DETAILS BELOW

FROM THE PREZ

It's finally June, and time for two of the club's biggest events of the year. First, our summer picnic meetings usually start in June. **We had to cancel the June picnic meeting due to construction at the Oak Grove Picnic Area.** We will determine if we need to use another location for the July and August meetings, and decide where we will have it.

We always have a good turnout for the picnic meetings but the number of members who cook out before the meeting has been dwindling lately. If you are able to get to the spot before the meeting actually begins, consider bringing something to throw on the grill for dinner. There is always a volunteer who has the fire roaring by five o'clock. With another winter behind us, celebrate the warm weather with a picnic; and extend the camaraderie of the meeting. The club provides the flames, so all you need to bring is your favorite bill of fare. We usually have an interesting activity, and this month we will have a demonstration on slow scan TV.

June is also Field Day month, with the event held the last full weekend; this year it is the 26th and 27th. We are also having the event at a new location which is very well mapped out on the website. This will be an "old School" Field Day without some of the luxurious amenities we have become used to. But Field Day is really about operating during disastrous conditions without commercial power and other forms of normal supporting infrastructure. But that's the purpose of the event, and a few minutes before 1800 UTC when the generators fire up and the CQs start flying, the goose bumps will rise and the competitive juices will flow, starting the most exciting twenty-four period in the amateur radio year. Make it a point to be a part of the event.

73, Toby, WT8O

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MAY MEETING MINUTES

The C.A.R.S. May monthly meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Toby Kolman, WT8O on the 11th of the month. The meeting was held at Bush Funeral Chapel Community Room in Parma, Oh. Thirty six members and two guests introduced themselves to begin the meeting.

Adam, N8MOX motioned to accept the April minutes as published in the May Wobbly Oscillator, and Bill. WA8GEO seconded. There were no additions, or corrections and and the members passed the motion.

Bob, W8GC then gave the treasury report and stated that the treasury was about same as last month. Bob also mentioned that the scholarship raffle tickets are still available and can be paid for thru PayPal. He also said that C.A.R.S. is selling ARRL approved safety vests.

Don't forget about the summer picnic last Friday in July.

Toby, WT8O gave the Net report and thanked all the net controllers and also thanked everyone who checks into the net and encouraged anyone with a two meter radio to check in. He also asked to try to check in using phonetics. Toby then asked everyone that could walk easily to please leave the lower parking for those that have a hard time. Field Day this year will be at Toby's 25 acre property in Grafton. The summer picnic will be on July 30 at the Kiwanis pavilion behind the Civic Center. Toby made a motion for Darren, K8DMT to buy charcoal and lighter fluid for the summer meetings in the park. Dwaine, K8ME seconded the motion and it was passed.
Everyone liked the past two dinner meetings so another one is in the making for the future.

Vice President Gary, NI8Z reported that C.A.R.S. held a VE test on mothers day and three tested and passed. Gary asked for four volunteers to help hang a dipole antenna at Copley High school.

Scotty, WA8SLN, Sunshine Chairman couldn't make the meeting because of health reasons. Lets keep him in our prayers for a full recovery.

Dwaine, K8ME said that the Dayton bus trip was a go and everyone was planning on having a good time.

Tom, WB8N, ask everyone to send articles and pictures for the WO. Please volunteer for the Tour De Cure on the second Sunday in June.

Bob Kobie KD8NBB; David Grady KD8NTH; Don Howell KD8NTI; Joe Maddock KD8NTK; Rosemary Farnsworth KD8NTF; John Farnsworth KD8NTG; and Chris Long KD8NTJ were voted in as new C.A.R.S. members. Welcome to all.

Darren, K8DMT made the coffee, Mike, KB8UGT brought the soft drinks, and Ron, K8VJG supplied the donuts. Thanks for doing a great service.

Ron, K8VJG was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and said that at the next meeting he wants to donate his winnings to C.A.R.S..

Ron, WA8ZJV made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike, KB8RKF seconded. the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Stephen Jones, N8SRJ C.A.R.S. Secretary.

KEN'S JUNK BOX

By Ken Osicki,

The first football game broadcast was November 24, 1921 between Texas A&M and Texas University. You might like to know that the broadcast was via telegraphic code transmitted on amateur radio frequencies by six licensed amateurs.

Telegraphic code was still the most common means of transmitting information, so it was the method chosen for the "broadcast." To speed up the process, the operators used abbreviated codes used by reporters sending game descriptions to their newspapers. When word got out about this, about 275 licensed amateurs in Texas requested copies of the codes and so were able to listen in to the game.

The actual description of the game was sent by wire from the press box to the Electrical Engineering building about a half-mile away, from

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where the actual transmitting originated. Near the end of the first half a fuse blew. The fuse was replaced by a member of the university radio club. However, at the time, he was playing in the Aggie band, and had to be excused from his duties so he could hurry over to replace the fuse.

(Information from a paper presented February, 1980 by Frank Matejka. Source: W5AC, The Texas A&M Amateur Radio Club, College Station, Texas. Matejka was one of the six amateur operators participating in this broadcast.)

CQ, CQ, CQ, ALL AREA HAMS!

Submitted by Dwaine Modock, K8ME

The Ohio QSO Party will be here sooner than you think! The Ohio QSO Party - the premier Ohio operating event will be held on Saturday August 28, 2010 from local noon to local midnight. Every year during the Ohio QSO Party (OhQP) Ohioans light up the airwaves and make QSOs all over the world. In this event, Ohio stations are the "DX" and are sought after. Get on and call CQ, and experience the thrill of the world calling you! Event Basics: Ohio stations send consecutive serial number + county. Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3545, 7045, 14,045, 21,045, 28,045 kHz; SSB 3825, 7200, 14,250, 21,300, and 28,450 kHz. Full details and an operating guide can be found on www.ohqp.org/. We hope to hear you on the air!

73, Kenny K2KW
Ohio QSO Party PR Coordinator
kenny.k2kw@gmail.com

CHECK INTO THE C.A.R.S. WEDNESDAY NET AT 9:00 P.M. ON THE 146.820 REPEATER

2010 SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

By Bob Check, W8GC

Please support the CARS Scholarship fund by getting your Raffle Tickets ASAP. Donation is only $3.00 per ticket or $5.00 for 2 tickets!

This drawing will be held at the CARS 2010 Summer picnic on July 30, 2010. Winners do NOT need to attend to win.

Time is running out for the 2010 drawing, remember only one drawing this year! call or email:

Bob w8gc, 216-524-1750
w8gc@2cars.org

Tina w8hbi, 524-7711
w8hbi@2cars.org for tickets.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

W8NOX Keith Alexander 6-7-39

2. **KC8OMV Michael Dressler 6-7**

WD8KHU Mark Woodworth 6-15-43

K8ME Dwaine Modock 6-16-48

N8DFL Don Leyden Jr 6-19-49

KD8BAL Joseph Ulaszewski 6-21

N8LRS Linda Sinko 6-24

N8PZK Louis Ignaczak 6-24

KD8AKA David Hruska 6-27

KC8LZO David Dressler 6-28

Congratulations to all !

BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATION

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America was celebrated at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds in Berea over the weekend of May 21st thru May 23rd. The scouts had a "tent city" set up and they were camping out over the weekend.

The Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society was asked to set up a demonstration of Amateur Radio for the event.

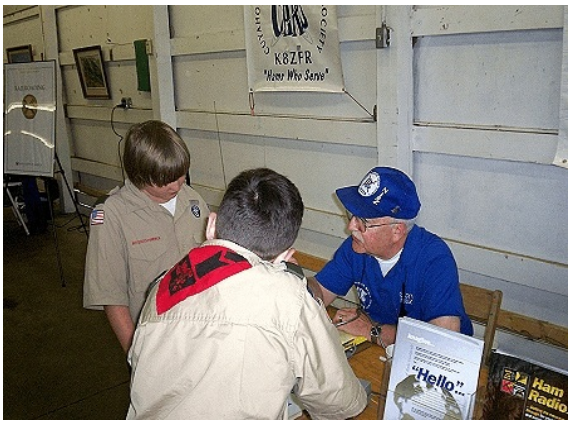
Participating in the demonstration were Gary NI8Z, Mike KB8RKF, Tom WB8N, Eddie KD8FTS, Ron K8VJG, Bob KE8UV, & John WA8LGM.

Eddie did a great job of demonstrating fox hunting to the youths and their fathers and Gary did his usual great job of demonstrating Morse code by getting almost 100 scouts to send their names in CW.

An attempt to demonstrate HF communications to the scouts was thwarted by the failure to get a good vswr match on the "Buddy Pole" antenna which was erected.

Thanks to Mike, KB8RKF for obtaining the handouts which were distributed to the scouts and their leaders. It was noted that this year and possibly next year, the signaling merit badge was being resurrected and information on this was also given out to the scout leaders. Following are some pictures from the event.

KD8FTS about to take a scout and his Father on a fox hunt



NI8Z demonstrating Morse code to the scouts

COPLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

By Gary Dewey, NI8Z

The Copley High School radio antenna installation was completed on May 20th. Dave Dressler KD8V, Adam Grossmeyer N8MOX, Metro Sinko W8MET, Bill Sarver WU8A, Steve Jones N8SRJ, Gary Dewey NI8Z, and teacher Brad Bennett KD8BBS were on hand to finish hanging the dipole antenna and make coax connections. Although the antenna is up the radio is not hearing anything but S9 noise. Further corrections were looked into. The coax tested good when Metro and Steve went back to check the coax installation the next day. More testing is needed to assure the transceiver is okay. Updates to be made when the problem is solved.

The crew, minus Mr. Dewey

THE RANDOM WIRE
By Tom Wayne, WB8N

ANOTHER DAYTON

Well, another Dayton Hamvention® is behind us. For those that made it down there this year, I am certain you all had a great time. The weather couldn't have been better, the flea market was full of wondrous stuff, and the displays inside the arena were good as well. I spent two days there, and that's about all my poor old legs could handle. I saw everything I wanted to see and bought all I wanted to buy. I had a couple of 807's (that's a bottle of beer for those that don't know) with George, K8KR, and ate my fill of Hamvention food too. I met a lot of the C.A.R.S. guys that went down on the bus, and some old friends as well. Fred Partis, NO2O was selling his wares in the flea market. I hadn't seen Fred in at least a couple of years and lo and behold, there he was. He said he would try to make it to our June meeting, but with the location change, I'm not too sure.

There are a bunch of guys from all different parts of the country that gather on 14.185 MHZ every morning and one of them is a fellow named Neil, K6SMF who travels the U.S. of A. visiting hamfests, selling his wares and buying stuff to sell at the next hamfest. I got to meet him in the flea market and had a nice eye-ball chat with him, which I thought was cool! Here's a pic of Neil relaxing at his spot in the flea market.

I hope that everyone that made it to Dayton this year had as great a time as I did, especially those that were first timers. It is an experience that every ham has to make at least once in their ham career, especially as close as Dayton as we are. Think about the hams that travel from states on the west coast, not to mention those that come from other parts of the world!

Here are a couple more pics from Dayton.

That about raps it up for this month. Hope to see you all at the June meeting and don't forget to check in on the weekly C.A.R.S. net.

73,

de Tom, WB8N

2010 Dayton Flea Market

N8MOX at the Flex Radio booth

Dayton Arena

The Boy's

And we bid a fond farewell to Dayton 2010 and ride off into the sunset

Strange thing's you see!

Come to the CARS Field Day site at Toby WT8O's 25 acre farm on June 26th & 27th, directions at www.2cars.org - on home page

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2010 CARS Scholarship fund Raffle Tickets are now available

Help support the CARS Scholarship fund by getting your Raffle Tickets ASAP.
Donation is only $3.00 per ticket or $5.00 for 2 tickets! **

Anyone is welcome to purchase tickets, you can order your tickets on line using PayPal, no PayPal account needed just a credit card, go to ***www.2cars.org*** or contact the Treasurer Bob Check, W8GC 216-524-1750.

What can be more important than helping people get an education! CARS has awarded two $500.00 Scholarships a year since 2006. This Raffle will only be held one time in 2010.

This **drawing** will be held at the **CARS 2010 Summer picnic on July 30, 2010.** Winners do NOT need to attend to win. Winners will be notified plus be listed on the CARS web site and in our Newsletter the WO.

1st prize $300.00

2nd prize $200.00

3rd prize $100.00

Maximum of 850 tickets will be sold

****All proceeds less actual expenses go to the CARS Scholarship Fund.**